

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims 2-55:

- 1 2. (New) A nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus comprising:
2 a tube formed as a generally L-shaped strut for conforming to the contour of the nose of a
3 wearer, said L-shaped strut having a proximal end connected to an oxygen supply and a distal
4 end connected to a nosepiece having a one or more intra-nasal oxygen delivery output ports.
- 1 3. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.
- 1 4. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are multiple components.
- 1 5. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut includes a long leg member shaped to rest in substantially flush contact with the
3 ridge pole of the wearer's nose.

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- 1 6. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 5, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut further includes a short leg member proximally coupled in a contiguously bending
3 manner to said long leg member such that said short leg member is shaped to extend over the tip
4 of the wearer's nose, said short leg distally coupled to said nosepiece.
- 1 7. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said long
2 leg member, said short leg member and said nosepiece are a single component.
- 1 8. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said long
2 leg member, said short leg member and said nosepiece are multiple components.
- 1 9. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said
2 nosepiece comprises a hollow body in fluid communication with said L-shaped strut.
- 1 10. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 9, wherein said
2 nosepiece further comprises a septum bearing surface from which said one or more intra-nasal
3 oxygen delivery output ports extend in alignment with one or more of the wearer's nares.
- 1 11. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 10, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.
- 1 12. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 10, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a multiple components.

1 13. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, further
2 comprising a headband for securing said proximal end of said L-shaped strut against the wearer's
3 forehead.

1 14. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 13, wherein said
2 headband is secured to the wearer's forehead such that an inward traction force is applied to
3 secure said one or more intra-nasal oxygen delivery output ports.

1 15. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 5, further
2 comprising a nasal shield stabilizer including:

3 a central strip portion coupled to said long leg member; and

4 lateral wings extending from each side of said central strip portion for gripping the sides
5 of the wearer's nose.

1 16. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 15, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut, said nosepiece and said nasal shield stabilizer are a single component.

1 17. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 15, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut, said nosepiece and said nasal shield stabilizer are multiple components.

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1 18. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 2, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut is connected in fluid communication with an oxygen supply tube, said nasal oxygen
3 supply cannula and support apparatus further comprising:

4 a tube support means disposed behind the wearer's head, wherein said tube support
5 means provides a balance point for said oxygen supply tube; and

6 biasing means for applying backward tension on said oxygen supply tube.

1 19. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 18, wherein said
2 tube support means comprises a ring.

1 20. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 18, wherein said
2 biasing means comprises a counterweight coupled to said oxygen supply tube.

1 21. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 6, wherein said
2 long leg member is securable to the ridge pole of the wearer's nose in such a manner as to raise
3 and shorten the tip of the wearer's nose resulting in an increase in diameter and decrease in
4 length of the wearer's external nasal airway.

1 22. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut is comprised of a material with sufficient elasticity so as to allow said long leg
3 member to be conformed to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose.

1 23. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21 further
2 comprising a means for securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose.

1 24. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 23 wherein said
2 means of securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive tape.

1 25. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 23 wherein said
2 means of securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose is an adhesive applied to an undersurface
3 of said L-shaped strut.

1 26. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 21 wherein said L-
2 shaped strut is especially shaped, configured and adapted so as to conform to external surface
3 contour of the wearer's nose.

1 27. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26 wherein said L-
2 shaped strut is comprised of a material having sufficient pliability and elastic memory as to allow
3 said conformance to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose to provide a means of
4 securing said apparatus to said wearer.

1 28. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are a single component.

1 29. (New) The nasal oxygen supply cannula and support apparatus of claim 26, wherein said L-
2 shaped strut and said nosepiece are multiple components.

1 30. (New) A nasal cannula support apparatus comprising:

2 a generally L-shaped longitudinal support brace having a long leg member for resting
3 against the ridge pole of a wearer's nose and a short leg member flanging therefrom such that the
4 longitudinal support brace substantially conforms to the wearer's nose; and

5 a tubing support cross brace transversely coupled to said longitudinal support brace,
6 wherein said tubing support cross brace supports oxygen supply tubes on one or both sides of the
7 wearer's nose.

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1 31. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

1 32. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.

1 33. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said tubing support cross
2 brace is centrally coupled onto said longitudinal support brace, said tubing support cross brace
3 including clips on each distal end thereof for retaining said oxygen supply tubes.

1 34. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said short leg member
2 includes a distally mounted clip for retaining an oxygen supply barrel in proximity to the
3 wearer's septum, said oxygen supply barrel having a pair of delivery ports for delivering oxygen
4 into the wearer's nares.

1 35. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 34, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace, said tubing support cross brace and said oxygen supply barrel are a single component.

1 36. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 34, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace, said tubing support cross brace and said oxygen supply barrel are multiple components.

1 37. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a cross member
2 having nasal pads for securing the nasal support apparatus to the wearer's nose.

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1 38. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 37, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace, said tubing support cross brace and said cross member are a single component.

1 39. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 37, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace, said tubing support cross brace and said cross member are multiple components.

1 40. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, further comprising a forehead cross
2 brace for laterally securing said longitudinal support brace to the wearer's forehead.

1 41. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 40, wherein said forehead cross brace
2 applies an upward traction on said short leg member.

1 42. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 41, wherein said oxygen supply tubes
2 are connected in fluid communication with one or more source supply tubes, said nasal cannula
3 support apparatus further comprising:

4 a tube support means disposed behind the wearer's head, wherein said tube support
5 means provides a balance point for said one or more source supply tubes; and

6 biasing means for applying backward tension on said one or more source supply tubes.

1 43. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 42, wherein said tube support means
2 comprises a ring.

1 44. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 42, wherein said biasing means
2 comprises a counterweight coupled to said oxygen supply tube.

1 45. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 30, wherein said long leg member is
2 securable to the ridge pole of the wearer's nose in such a manner as to raise and shorten the tip of
3 the wearer's nose resulting in an increase in diameter and decrease in length of the wearer's
4 external nasal airway.

1 46. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace is comprised of a material with sufficient elasticity so as to allow said long leg member to
3 be conformed to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose.

1 47. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 46, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

1 48. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 46, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.

1 49. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, further comprising a means for
2 securing said apparatus to the wearer's nose.

1 50. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 49, wherein said means for securing
2 said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive tape.

1 51. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 49, wherein said means for securing
2 said apparatus to the wearer's nose is adhesive applied to an undersurface of said longitudinal
3 support brace.

1 52. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 45, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace is especially shaped, configured and adapted so as to conform to the external surface
3 contour of the wearer's nose.

1 53. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 52 wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace is comprised of a material having sufficient pliability and elastic memory as to allow said
3 conformance to the external surface contour of the wearer's nose to provide a means of securing
4 said apparatus to said wearer.
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1 54. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 53, wherein said longitudinal support
2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are a single component.

- 1 55. (New) The nasal cannula support apparatus of claim 53, wherein said longitudinal support
- 2 brace and said tubing support cross brace are multiple components.